

# RUYTON XI TOWNS PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2015

**Parish Councillors in attendance:** Mr C Case (Chair) Mrs R Slowley (Vice-Chair); Mrs A Sanders Royle; Mr T Allison; Mr A Johnston; Mr D Spicer; Mrs A White; Mr M Berry; Mr S Gittins and Mrs M Drinan.

**Also in attendance:** SC Councillor Nick Bardsley; CSO Kurt Mabe, Clerk Sue Hackett; and 3 members of the public.

88.15 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION – The Chairman opened the meeting.

89.15 PUBLIC SESSION – The new tenants of The Talbot Inn introduced themselves and confirmed that the Inn was expected to be re-open 2/12/2015. David White expressed his concerns about the planning application Ref: 15/04348/FUL.

90.15 APOLOGIES & COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – The Clerk confirmed no apologies had been received and no declarations made.

91.15 COUNCILLORS DISPENSATIONS – None requested.

The Chairman with Council's support brought forward the Police report:

98.15 h. Local Police Report - Given by CSO Kurt Mabe; who reported that 5 separate incidents had been reported in the parish in October. One of which was a speeding incident at the zebra crossing; however the Police had been unable to trace the vehicle as the licence plate number could not be confirmed. Cllr Allison provided a report on a series of dog attacks involving horses on the Cliffe. It was agreed that the Clerk mention this in the Parish Newsletter. *Kurt then left the meeting.*

92.15 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN – Cllr Berry reported that Safety Road Partnership have agreed to visit the village; following the Clerk's request. Cllr Drinan had successfully arranged for the Shirehall (FOC) to be a venue for a presentation by Ben Hamilton-Baillie. Cllr Berry thanked Cllr Drinan for all the work she had carried out to date to canvas and achieve this. Cllr Drinan added that SALC had today agreed to organise the event at their Executive meeting.

Following some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the Council would make available a budget of £1,500 for the project to flourish. (Proposed MB Seconded by CC); as Ben Hamilton-Baillie was expected to spend half a day and an evening in Ruyton XI Towns; in order to fully appreciate the traffic issues in the village. It was also noted that D Gradwell should be approached in order to provide a history of road safety measures introduced in the village and speeding statistics.

93.15 FOOTWAY LIGHTING – Clerk confirmed that one street light had yet to be repaired as it was blocked by a hedge which was yet to be trimmed.

94.15 ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL REPORT – Cllr Slowley confirmed that the School had officially federated with Bomere Heath Primary School.

95.15 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL – Councillor Nick Bardsley reported that the Planning Inspectorate had confirmed the 5.53 years housing supply. The Chairman stated that

the Parish Plan Steering Group should reconvene and consider revisiting the Parish Plan.  
**Action: Cllr Spicer to organise in January 2016.**

#### 96.15 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Council considered the following planning application:

Ref: 15/04348/FUL Former store Walnut House, Little Ness Rd; Ruyton XI Towns  
Proposal: Change of use of existing store/office to dwelling.  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D&P Pritchard.

The Parish Council agreed to oppose the application as Shropshire Council now has in excess of a 5 year housing supply; its planning policies now carry more weight and as such the proposed development outside the development boundary depicted in the parish council's SAMDev submission (CS4); in open countryside (CS5) and cannot therefore be supported.

In addition the Parish Council were disappointed that the application had been validated by Shropshire Council as it breaches conditions attached to the connected previous planning application ref. 04/13043/FUL; and would recommend that the application be either withdrawn or refused on this basis.

- b. Shropshire Council Planning decisions since the last meeting – The Clerk confirmed that the following had been notified to the Council:

Application for residential development land north of Olden Lane; for 3 dwellings; amended in September 2015 per access. Ref 14/03841/OUT Shropshire Council: Refused permission.

- c. The Clerk presented a Summary Report to Council of the status of planning applications to the year to date; these were examined and noted. (See Appendix C.)

#### 97.15 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - Draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 October 2015 were considered and resolved as accurate. The Chairman was then instructed to sign them as such. (Proposed MB) Seconded ASR)

#### 98.15 PROJECTS/LOCAL REPORTS UPDATE:

- a. AED Project – Cllr Sanders Royle stated that 26 people had now completed the course and that she had arranged training for 23/11/2015.
- b. Spinney – Cllr Gittins reported that he now had a copy of the lease, Penton's had confirmed that they would fell the trees in February 2016. SC were to procure replacement trees.
- c. Safeguarding Children – Cllr Spicer agreed to follow up.
- d. Cllr Mary Drinan reported on the outcomes of the local PO questionnaire and Cllr Berry requested financial support from the Parish Council. Council resolved to support the Community Asset Project's administration costs up to £100; it was noted that the project was independent of the Parish Council.
- e. Emergency Planning – Council agreed to defer the item until Cllr Spicer prepared his presentation for a future meeting.
- f. SALC AGM – Cllr Drinan reported on the meeting and its outcomes. Future Fit and other presentations etc. She went on to explain that she used the opportunity to

promote the Road Safety in Villages theme, assisted by a series of flyers produced by the Clerk & SALC. Council thanked her for her work.

- g. Doctors Meadow Play Area – Basket Ball Project. The Clerk updated Council on the grant funding secured to date. Clerk and Chairman to meet Mark Blount (SC) at Drs Meadow; to discuss basketball stand acquisition and installation.
- h. Local Police Report – See above.

#### 99.15 FINANCE

- a. Council resolved to pay the following, instructing Cllrs Slowley and Case to check the supporting paperwork to the cheques raised before authorising payment:

Chq No 774 Scottish Power; £245.57; VAT £11.69 St light energy second quarter;  
Chq No 775 HighLine Electrical Limited £268.20; VAT £44.70 St light repairs;  
Chq No 776 Ruyton XI Towns PCC £16.00; Rent of room 9/11/15;  
Chq No 777 Viking £ 125.04; VAT £12.92 Office supplies.

- b. Treasury Update – The Clerk requested that cheque 767 be amended as Payee “Shropshire Council” as the Post Office did not accept cheques which exceeded £1,000. Permission was given by Council. It was also agreed that it would be advisable for SC to record this within their terms of payment on the reverse of their invoices. **Action Cllr Bardsley to follow up.** *Cllr Bardsley then left the meeting.*

100.15 CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION – As summarised by the Clerk; see Appendix A. Councillors agreed to consider the need for additional project funding for 2016/17 for the December budget setting meeting.

101.15 DRAFT NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – Council discussed the content and agreed that the following were to be added:

School Report – Article by Cllr MB; Traffic Management Action Plan – Article by Cllr MB; Christmas Parade & Events – Clerk; Post Office/Shop picture; Re-opening of The Talbot – New tenants to provide.

102.15 SC HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION – Council decided to make no comment.

103.15 NEED FOR HEDGE ROWS ACT 1997 AMENDMENT – Council agreed to write MP O Paterson in support for campaigning for change as requested by Conover Parish Council via SALC. (Proposed RS; Seconded MB; Abstentions SG; CC.)

104.15 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2015-16 – Council considered its annual risk assessment (see Appendix B) and adopted it. It was also resolved to add a further cheque signatory (Cllr D Spicer) to the current account. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

105.15 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA – It was resolved that the Council would fund up to £50.00 for the Village Christmas tree; the Chairman agreed to arrange its purchase and installation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04 pm. The next Parish Council meeting was to be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. at the Victoria Room**, Ruyton XI Towns.

Confirmed as accurate.....COLIN CASE    Date.....

Chairman of Ruyton XI Towns PC